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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

JESSOP, et al.

Serial No.: 09/196,524

Filed: November 20, 1998.

CPA filed: May 19, 2002

For: **PIPETTE TIP PACKAGING
AND TRANSFER SYSTEM**

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: HANDY, D.

Atty. File No.: 45825-01011
(formerly 3517.1)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant herewith files this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the filing of a request for a Continued Prosecution Application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(d).

IN THE CLAIMS.

Please cancel Claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 9. Please add new Claims 10-14. Clean versions of the current set of pending claims are set forth below.

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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL (Small Entity) Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing. <small>(Only for Continuation or Divisional Applications Under 37 CFR 1.53(d))</small>		Docket No. 45825-01012
<input type="checkbox"/> DUPLICATE (Check box if applicable)		
First Named Inventor Jessop, et al.	Examiner D. Handy	Group/Art Unit 1743

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This is a request for filing a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/196,524 filed on November 20, 1998 and entitled:

PIPETTE TIP PACKAGING AND TRANSFER SYSTEM

1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.
5. Small Entity Status:
 - a. A small entity statement is enclosed.
 - b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
6. The fee for this application is calculated as follows:

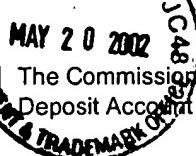
CLAIMS AS FILED

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	5	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$39.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)					\$0.00
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7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 08-26665

- fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.18.

8. A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed.

9. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

- a. PTO-1449
b. Copies of IDS Citations

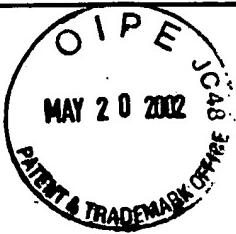
10. Also enclosed:

Request for Extension of Time; postcard

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11. The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below:

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NOTES

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FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 USC 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or application in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a).

Dated: 20 May 2002



Signature

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